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SUBJECT: US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN PORTUGAL
RECOMMENDED REVISIONS

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AS NOTED REF (A), WE BELIEVE THE STATEMENT OF US GOALS AND
OBJECTIVES MAKES GOOD SENSE. WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING
REVISIONS:

I. CONSOLIDATION OF PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY.

(A) REVISE SECOND COURSE OF ACTION TO READ:

-- PROPOSE TO DEPARTMENT, AND MANAGE LOCALLY,
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND MILITARY PROFESSIONALISM AND ENHANCE
THE IMAGE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.
REASON: THE CONTRIBUTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
SHOULD BE EXPLICITLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

(B) DIVIDE THIRD COURSE OF ACTION, BEGINNING WITH
"--THROUGH PERSONAL CONTACTS..." INTO TWO COURSES OF
ACTION. SENTENCE BEGINNING WITH "ENCOURAGE
EXPANDED BILATERAL CONTACTS..." WOULD BECOME
SEPARATE COURSE OF ACTION.

REASON: CONSISTENCY OF STYLE.

(C) DIVIDE FINAL COURSE OF ACTION, BEGINNING WITH
"--SUPPORT EFFORTS OF SOCIALISTS..." INTO TWO COURSES

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OF ACTION. SENTENCE BEGINNING WITH "CONTINUE TO
ENCOURAGE SOCIALISTS..." WOULD BECOME SEPARATE COURSE
OF ACTION.

REASON: CONSISTENCY OF STYLE.

II. PORTUGUESE ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

(A) REVISE FOURTH COURSE OF ACTION TO READ:

--ENCOURAGE GOP TO COORDINATE ITS DEVELOPMENT AND

ASSISTANCE NEEDS WITH MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO PROMOTE EVENTUAL PORTUGUESE ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY.

REASON: MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD STATEMENT.

III. STRENGTHENING OF PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN NATO AND INCREASED PROFESSIONALIZATION OF THE MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

(A) REVISE GOAL/OBJECTIVE TO READ:

III. STRENGTHENED PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN NATO AND INCREASED MILITARY PROFESSIONALISM.

REASON: BREVITY AND CONSISTENCY OF STYLE.

(B) REVISE FIRST COURSE OF ACTION TO READ:

--SUPPORT PORTUGAL'S NATO-COMMITTED BRIGADE AND OTHER MODERNIZATION EFFORTS BY RECOMMENDING AND MANAGING THE US MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN COUNTRY. REPORT ON PORTUGUESE FORCE MODERNIZATION PLANS AND PROMOTE COORDINATION OF US AND ALLIED ASSISTANCE EFFORTS. ENCOURAGE THE PORTUGUESE TO SEEK MORE ENERGETICALLY EQUIPMENT FROM EUROPEAN ALLIES. REASON: WE CAN REPORT ON PORTUGUESE PLANS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO MOVE IN SENSIBLE DIRECTIONS; WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO "COORDINATE" THEIR MODERNIZATION PLANS.

IV. ENLISTMENT OF PORTUGUESE AID ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

(A) REVISE GOAL/OBJECTIVE TO READ:

IV PORTUGUESE SUPPORT ON BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL
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ISSUES.

REASON: ACCURACY AND CONSISTENCY OF STYLE.

(B) IN SECOND COURSE OF ACTION, CHANGE "US" TO "USG";
CHANGE "FORA" TO "FORUMS."

REASON: ACCURACY AND PREFERRED USAGE.

(C) REVISE FINAL COURSE OF ACTION TO READ:

--EXPLAIN TO PORTUGUESE US POLICY ON NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, INCLUDING QUESTIONS RELATING TO COMMODITIES, DEBT, AND PURPOSES OF AID PROGRAMS; PROMOTE DIALOGUE ON THESE MATTERS; AND SEEK PORTUGUESE SUPPORT FOR US VIEWS IN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.

REASON: BREVITY.

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